

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-3, and 6-8 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 4-5, 9-10, and 13 have been amended. Support for these amendments can be found, for example, in the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the finding of allowable subject matter in claims 4-5, and 9-14.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 3-5 have been rejected as being indefinite. The Examiner states that these claims recite a mixture of two components, but are currently written as a compound claim. Claim 3 has been canceled, and claims 3-5 have been amended to recite a composition.

Claim 13 has been rejected as being indefinite. The Examiner states that a trademark or trade name cannot be used to properly identify an particular material or product. Claim 13 has been amended to remove reference to trademarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3 and 6-8 have been rejected as obvious over EP 676,393. These claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering this rejection moot.

Conclusion

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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